



# MEETING THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CHALLENGE

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**Biography**

## **Martin A. Davis**

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Mr. Davis is the Program Manager of the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) in Greenbelt, Maryland. He is responsible for the design, assembly, integration, and test of the GOES flight and ground support hardware and for the launch activity and on-orbit checkout of the spacecraft.

Mr. Davis joined the GOES Project in July 1991 as the Instrument Systems Manager. He is responsible for all facets of developing and accommodating the instruments on GOES. He was the Deputy Project Manager before becoming Project Manager in 1994.

Davis joined Goddard in 1962 and served as a power conversion engineer on the Atmosphere Explorer-B, the Radio Astronomy Explorer, and the Interplanetary Monitoring Platforms (IMP)-A, B,C,D,E,F,G, and I. He was appointed Experiment Manager on IMP-H and J and served as the focal point for integrating approximately 25 instruments. Davis next was appointed Instrument Systems Manager for the International Sun Earth Explorer (ISEE)-A and C. In that position, he served as the focal point in the project office for all matters involving the accommodation of the scientific instruments in both technical and resource areas. He was also responsible for the four U.S. instruments provided to the European mission, ISEE-B.

From 1978 through 1991, Mr. Davis worked on the Gamma Ray Observatory (GRO) Project, first as the Instrument Systems Manager and then as the Observatory Manager. He lead the pre-launch team for the launch of GRO on STS-37.

Mr. Davis received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1962 from the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland and he has continued graduate studies in Engineering Management at George Washington University, Washington, DC. He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

Davis is the recipient of many honors, including Goddard's highest award, the Award of Merit, in 1989 and NASA's highest award, the Distinguished Service Medal, in 1995. He also received the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal in 1991 and the NASA Exceptional Service Medal in 1979.



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